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For:	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR READING IMAGES USING CORRECTION CONDITIONS TO PROCESS FINE SCAN DATA		

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) An image reading method that photoelectrically reads an original image by prescan, sets reading conditions in accordance with prescanned data obtained by the prescan, and performs fine scan that photoelectrically reads the original image to obtain fine scanned data for producing output image data, comprising the steps of: